

House Resolution No. 1191

Whereas, from time to time the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are called upon to honor remarkable Show-Me State couples who have experienced the good fortune of success in marriage, a most delightful task which this legislative body embraces with great enthusiasm; and

Whereas, the union of Mr. and Mrs. J.V. Norton, residents of a farm Northwest of Knox City, Missouri, is characterized by their enduring affection and serves as a glorious illustration of a prosperous marriage; and

Whereas, J.V. and Joyce Norton commemorated the joyous occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with their son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Penny, with a trip to Cancun and Yucatan, Mexico; at which time they were undoubtedly anticipating another celebration when they travel to Alaska during the summer of 2008; and

Whereas, as they proudly marked this splendid milestone in their life, J.V. and Joyce Norton undoubtedly looked back with satisfaction upon all that has transpired since they pledged their eternal love to one another and began their long, joyful walk down life's path; and

Whereas, it was five wondrous decades ago that J.V. Norton, son of Johnnie and Vadah Norton, and Joyce Layman, daughter of Fred W. and Ann Layman, joined their hands, their hearts, and their lives together in a solemn nuptial ceremony on March 23, 1958, at the Knox City Methodist Church; and

Whereas, over the course of the past half century, J.V. and Joyce Norton have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include their children and their spouses, Jeff and Penny Norton of Hull, Illinois, Jacki and Allan Holland of Blue Springs, and Joan and Dannie Dale of Knox City; and six grandchildren, J. Ryan and Rachel Norton, Austin and Allison Holland, and Hannah and Lauren Dale; and

Whereas, J.V. and Joyce Norton have distinguished themselves as a remarkable couple, whose fifty years of shared joy and contentment so beautifully illustrate the strength, grace, and splendor of the lasting marriage bond:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to J.V. and Joyce Norton upon the joyous occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary and in further wishing them continued happiness in the years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. J.V. Norton.

Offered by _____
Representative Brian Munzlinger
District No. 1

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 1191, adopted March 25, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker